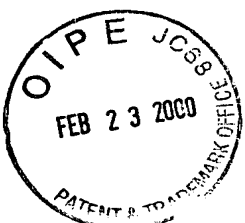


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
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S I R:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 23, 1999, the response period for which ends February 23, 2000. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding grounds of rejection and entry of this response.

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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 23, 1999 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in response thereto. Claims 1-10 are presently pending in this application for consideration.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,237,499 to Garback in view of travel planning system